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Popcorn Confessions offers a place for movie-fanatics to read and write reviews for movies. See story, Page 10.

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TODAY

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INSIDE



Local charities see decrease in donations because of poor economy. See story, Page 3.

## Sebelius approved as HHS nominee

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) – Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius won Senate confirmation Tuesday as the nation’s health and human services secretary, thrusting her into the middle of a public health emergency with the swine flu sickening dozens of Americans.



Sebelius

The 65-31 confirmation vote came after Democrats urged quick action so that Sebelius could get to work leading the federal response to the flu outbreak. “We find ourselves in the midst of a global crisis,” said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn. “What we’ve been missing in all of this is the head of the Health and Human Services Department.”

Sixty votes in the 100-seat Senate were necessary for approval. Immediately after the vote Sebelius resigned as governor in Kansas and headed to Washington to get sworn in.

Republican opponents cited Sebelius’ pro-abortion stances and raised concerns about whether Obama administration plans to overhaul the nation’s health system would cut out Republicans and lead to rationing of care.

“She is the wrong appointee for this particular assignment,” said Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah. “She has backed a partisan process for health care reform. She has refused to support patient safeguards.”

With no HHS secretary in place, the White House has turned to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to help lead its response to the swine flu, even while insisting that vacancies at the top of HHS was not a problem.

Sebelius, 60, was the first of 20 HHS officials requiring Senate approval to win it, and she heads to work with many team members missing. The Senate has

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## CRIME Acquaintance rape reported

By Frank Male  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A 21-year-old Manhattan woman reported a rape Monday, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

The alleged rape occurred April 11 and the alleged perpetrator was known to the victim, RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup said.

### AGGRAVATED BATTERY IN OGDEN

An argument led to aggravated battery charges being filed by an Ogden, Kan., woman Monday night. Dawn Johnson, 34, was allegedly struck in the head by her assailant using an unknown object, according to another RCPD report.

She was treated for lacerations to her head by EMS responders at the scene. The victim reported that she knew her attacker.

# Swine flu draws concern

## OUTBREAK: Local experts offer advice, facts about swine flu

By Tiffany Roney  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fifty human cases of swine influenza in the U.S. were confirmed this week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The “rapidly evolving situation,” as stated by the CDC, has spread to Kansas with two laboratory cases – both in Dickinson County – reported so far.

“The genetics are very clear; there are eight segments – five from swine, two from birds and one from a human gene segment,” said Juergen Richt, Regents distinguished professor of diagnostic medicine pathobiology.

“The original is an influenza virus that affects swine and can transmit to humans, but we had not seen a human-to-human transmission,” she said. “Now, it is transmitting from human to human. That’s the new thing, and that’s why they call it swine flu.”

### LOCAL ATTENTION

A committee of experts from K-State developed a Pandemic Influenza Plan to minimize exposure to the virus in case the CDC and the World Health Organization declare a pandemic of influenza.

“The plan was developed because of the possibility of a flu pandemic similar to the 1918 pandemic,” said Steven Galitzer, K-State director of public safety, in a press release.

“We developed a plan of action to aid in administrative decision-making and to help university departments plan for the worst.”

Though the WHO raised its alert level for the virus from three to four, on a scale of six, on Monday, many students say they are not concerned with the virus.

“I’ll start worrying about it when people have to walk around wearing masks,” said Marlo Adcock, junior in social work.

In contrast others students are being more cautious, Christian Schultz, junior in marketing, said he is defi-

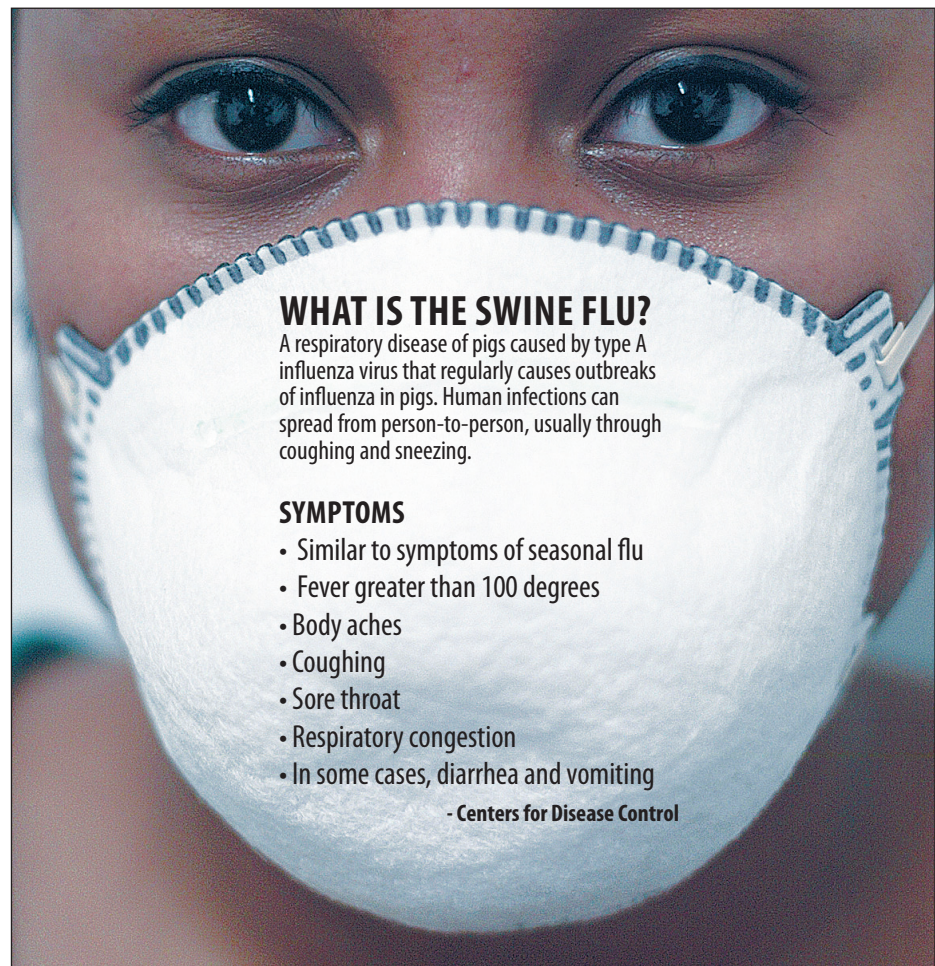


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nately concerned about the swine flu.

“Let’s hope it only lasts for a little while like SARS, and is nothing like the Krippin virus from [the movie] ‘I am Legend,’” Schultz said.

“I used to live in Dickinson County, so before I read that [the virus was] reported in Kansas, I said, ‘I hope it doesn’t hit my neck of the woods anytime soon.’ And boom – now it has. I have a bunch of dust masks though, so if it ever hits Manhattan, I’ll only go out in dust masks,” Schultz said.

There are many preventative steps people can take before resorting to dust masks.

“There are very basic things you can do to protect yourself,” said Kathy Dickey-Wilson, clinic supervisor at the Riley County Health Department.

“Cover your nose or mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze,” she said. “Wash your hands often – especially after you cough or sneeze. Avoid close contact with an ill person. And if you do get sick from the flu, stay

home from work or school and limit your contact with others to keep from infecting them.”

Richt emphasized that his specialty is researching the virus’s effect on pigs, rather than caring for affected humans, but he did offer a bit of welcome news.

“There is no danger if you eat cooked meats because this strain of flu is very susceptible to high temperatures and disinfectant,” he said.

In an email sent to the student body on Tuesday evening by Dean of Student Life, Pat Bosco, he states: “If you traveled to Mexico during spring break, you have nothing to worry about. The incubation period for swine flu is up to seven days. At this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that U.S. travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Mexico.”

For more information, call the toll-free hotline established by the K-State Swine Flu Hotline at 785-532-SAFE.

## Students, Willie volunteer at after-school program

By Tim Schrag  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students in the Northview Elementary School after-school program were ecstatic to receive a visit from Willie the Wildcat on Tuesday afternoon. Willie met with students, signed autographs and took pictures as part of a continuing partnership with local schools.

Sue Mountford, coordinator of the after-school program, said the program has been around for six years. College students, primarily majoring in elementary education, make up most of the program’s staff.

“We provide a safe environment for children in the before and after school hours, while their parents are at work,” Mountford said. “Our academic focus is to help children achieve and succeed.”

Stephanie Larson, sophomore in elementary education, volunteers with the program as part of K-State’s curriculum.

“I’m taking a class through Kansas State that requires me to aid here for 4 hours a week,” Larson said. “I got placed with the after-school program and I have the opportunity to help out with the

club activities and the teachers in the program.”

The Northview after-school program is the largest in Manhattan. Northview Elementary also has the largest enrollment of students whose parents are in the military within the city.

“My favorite part of being in the after-school program is just making relationships with the kids,” said Sarah Maxwell, junior in elementary education.

Many of the K-State students who volunteer or work for the program have the opportunity to teach something to the children about their respective majors.

“The university is a great partner. The students that work here are dedicated and they care about the welfare of children,” Mountford said.

The program begins at 3:30 p.m. and lasts until 6. It also offers a before school program that begins at 7 a.m. and lasts until 8.

Mountford said every student at Northview Elementary has the opportunity to participate in the program, and currently there are 115 students enrolled.

Students in the program participate in activities that enhance



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Willie the Wildcat rolls a rubber ball towards a student at Northview Elementary School during a kickball game held during the after-school program. The Northview after-school program is the largest in Manhattan.

their math and reading skills, along with clubs like photography, entrepreneurship and recycling that help the students become more well-rounded individuals.

Willie also had the opportunity to play kickball with students in third through sixth grades.

“Kickball is rough in a mob,” Willie wrote about his experience.

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V'N LA FOURUM!

THE PLANNER  
CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Walk-in Wednesday will be today from noon to 4 p.m. in Holtz Hall. It is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Todd Peterson at 12:30 p.m. today in Rathbone 2064. The thesis topic is "A Transient Solver for Current Density in Thin Conductors for Quasimag-netostatic Conditions."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kyle Ross at 2:30 p.m. today in Waters 342. The thesis topic is "Three Essays in Applied Microeconomics and Their Implications for Policymakers."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sarah Herres at 3 p.m. today in Bluemont 487. The thesis topic is "Transformational Leadership and 'Flow': The Mediating Effects of Psychological Climate."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kurt Hoeman at 3 p.m. today

in Hale 301. The thesis topic is "Novel Methods for Micellar Electrokinetic Chromatography and Preconcentration on Traditional Microfluidic Devices and the Fabrication and Characterization of Paper Microfluidic Devices."

Pippa White, a storyteller and performer, will be giving a workshop at the Beach Museum of Art from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday. The workshop is designed to help participants find the drama in history and then use it effectively for storytelling and writing. The workshop is for adults and is free, but reservations are requested. Please call 785-532-7718 for more information. This workshop is funded in part by a grant from the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Jerrick Hornbeak at 1 p.m. Thursday in Bluemont 16. The thesis topic is "Teaching Methods and Course Characteristics Related to College Students' Desire to Take a Course."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Philip Woodford at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Waters 137. The thesis topic is "In-Vessel Com-

posting Model with Multiple Substrate and Microorganism Types."

The Beach Museum of Art will have Pippa White of One's Company! Productions give a special performance in conjunction with "The American Soldier" at 7 p.m. Thursday. Characters include Rosie the Riveter, Florence Nightingale and a contemporary woman from Germany who deactivates land mines around the world. This performance is funded in part by a grant from the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of John Homer at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Nichols 122. The thesis topic is "A Comprehensive Approach to Enterprise Network Security Management."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at [news@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:news@spub.ksu.edu) by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

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DAILY BLOTTER

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CORRECTIONS  
AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Tuesday's Collegian. In the article "Bar violates health code, fixes issues," the bar was referred to as Rusty's Last Chance, this is incorrect. The correct name is The Last Chance Saloon. The Collegian regrets this error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail [news@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:news@spub.ksu.edu).

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# Local charities struggle getting donations due to recession

**Genevieve LaRose,** Manhattan resident and **Morgan McNeal,** freshman in architectural engineering, sort through recyclable clothing at the Salvation Army Monday afternoon.



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By Tim Schrag  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Due to the state of the slumping economy, several local charities have noticed a decrease in the amount of donations they have received within the last year.

"We noticed a big decrease during our Christmas campaign," said Captain Robert Buttrey of the Salvation Army.

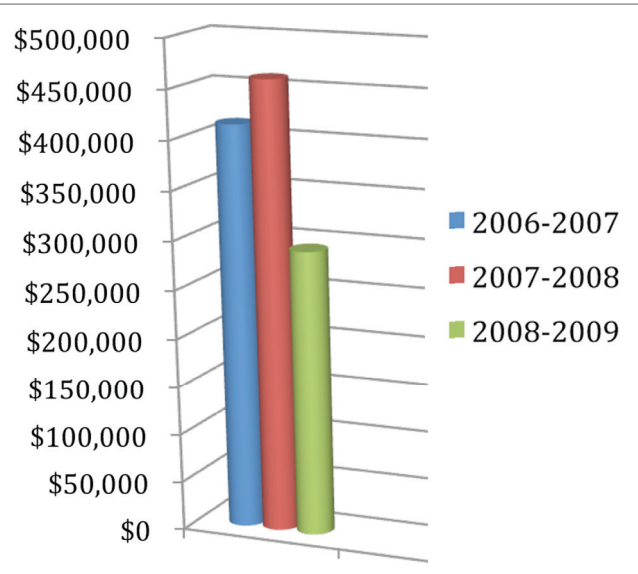
Buttrey said the Christmas campaign is the biggest fundraiser of the year. He said donations were down about \$40,000 during last year's campaign.

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, total income for the Manhattan Salvation Army was \$460,717 and during the 2008-2009 fiscal year the Salvation Army's total income was \$293,075.

The charity is totally self-supporting. According to Buttrey, the Salvation Army's social service office provides assistance to those in need through various financial assistance programs.

They also serve as a bible-based Christian Church. Operation costs for the organization have remained stable, despite the decline in income. Though the donation shortfall was fairly immediate during the Christmas campaign, Buttrey said monetary donations have picked up. This year's Easter mail appeal, a letter donation drive, raised more than

MANHATTAN SALVATION ARMY'S TOTAL INCOME



last year's and more customers are shopping at the Salvation Army's thrift store.

"I'm a little nervous about what next year holds," Buttrey said.

The Riley County United Way has also seen a drop in the amount of donations it received within the last year.

"We did see a decline in the amount given by donors but not the amount of donors," said Dianne Paukstelis, Executive Director of the Riley County United Way. "Nationally, the United Way saw a 7 to 8 percent decrease in giving in the Fall 2008 Campaign for 2009."

According to Paukstelis, the agencies that are funded

by the United Way are asking for a 21 percent increase on average. She said she does not anticipate the United Way will be able to match that much demand.

The United Way relies on corporate sponsorships for most of its funding. Paukstelis said she is worried the United Way's campaign for 2010 will not be as successful as the one for 2009.

"I've had a little trouble securing corporate sponsorships for the United Way events and materials," Paukstelis said. "It's not just me; I've heard other agencies in the area are also having trouble securing sponsorships for this spring."

# Students submit ideas for proposals

By Shelton Burch  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship announced the winners of "The Next Big Thing" competition Sunday.

"The Next Big Thing" is a business competition in which more than 20 K-State teams created and presented business proposals to business leaders from around Manhattan, who then judged and ranked them based on overall feasibility.

More than 100 students participated in the competition in which par-

ticipants competed as teams or individuals. Chad Jackson, outreach coordinator at the center, said students competed in two divisions of business proposals – one for businesses that focused on services, the other for businesses that emphasized products.

In the Product Division, team "Flower Indulgence" was named the winner, and team "Shelf Help" took home the winning title in the Service Division.

Jackson said the contest began with 23 teams and was narrowed down to eight when groups presented on April 3 for the first time. Those groups that

survived judging made it to an all-day event Sunday in which the first, second and third place winners of each division were announced.

Kehley Pfrang, member of "Flower Indulgence," said her group started formulating its project for the competition earlier this year.

"We didn't actually start the project till mid-February," said Pfrang, senior in bakery science & management and milling science and management, "but we started thinking about it in January."

Pfrang said she enjoyed

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Sick as swine



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Pig-headed media playing with public’s emotions



WHITNEY HODGIN

The next time someone asks you if you have the swine flu, cough in their direction and shrug your shoulders. They won’t know what hit them – literally, because no one knows. When we can’t see the enemy, we make it out to be much worse than it really is. But pigs are dirty, smart animals, fully capable of infecting every mammal within a thousand miles of their wet snouts with this virus that makes your eyes bleed and skin fall off – you can never be too careful.

Like SARS and the bird flu before it, headline news is steeped in nervous jargon like the panic-inducing phrase “state of emergency,” which news anchors and bold newspaper headlines bark at any-

one who can hear or read, and for those who can do both, the terror is monumental. Educating yourself on the causes and treatments of swine flu is a good idea, but when the virus is pulled out of context, as many recent pandemics are, uncertainty can result in otherwise rational citizens wearing hospital masks in public and suspecting their friends of carrying the virus without exhibiting symptoms.

You cannot die from swine flu. Symptoms mirror those of the classic flu, and can result in pneumonia if left untreated. You could die from pneumonia, but don’t blame it on Babe. The best advice the World Health Organization has offered to the public is to cover our mouths when we sneeze and to wash our hands regularly – the same advice we read on the moldy piece of paper taped next to the bathroom sink, if we even bother to visit the sink.

To put this into perspective, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano said the department had declared Obama’s inauguration an emergency of similar severity because it was the best way to provide necessary security for the event, according to *arstechnica.com*. Network news is toying with our emotions to the tune of higher ratings, and while coverage of the outbreak is necessary, it’s getting out of hand.

The Abilene, Kan., couple who came down with

swine flu got it where most of the infected got it – Mexico – and haven’t been hospitalized or quarantined like we would expect from a disease that became a household name over the weekend. That’s because swine flu is not that big of a deal.

“Of course we’re doing too much to scare people,” said Mark Feldstein, a former correspondent for NBC, ABC and CNN who teaches journalism at George Washington University. “Cable news has 24 hours to fill, and there isn’t 24 hours of exciting news going on. If you scare people, they’ll tune in more,” he said in a Washington Post article.

There you have it – hype in the raw and straight from the pig’s mouth. So go out and celebrate the recovery of our sanity by chomping on some bacon, slicing some ham, or giving your dog a dried pig’s ear to suck on, because none of these will result in sickness. Just don’t visit Mexico until the next wave of headlines pushes this set into the trough.

If you want to know more disinformation about swine flu, see the news article on the subject in today’s Collegian.

Whitney Hodgin is a senior in print journalism. Please send comments to [opinion@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@pub.ksu.edu).

Attack on Sixth Amendment could compromise defendants’ rights



FRANK MALE

As far as documents go, the U.S. Constitution is a pretty important one.

When it comes to ways the government can destroy its citizens, criminal prosecutions are at the top of the list. You can lose your freedom, your property and even your life in the course of a criminal proceeding. Therefore, the Bill of Rights has requirements for due process of law and gives rights to defendants.

“The accused shall ... have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense,” according to the Sixth Amendment. When the

Supreme Court ruled on *Michigan v. Jackson* in 1986, it affirmed the amendment and established that the police do not have the ultimate right to conduct interviews of defendants without a lawyer present. Further, the ruling declared that waivers of the right to a counsel during police interrogation after already asking for a lawyer are invalid.

This is all pretty simple criminal law.

However, the Obama administration is asking the Supreme Court to overturn its ruling, according to the *London Telegraph*. In a brief, Solicitor General Elena Kagan wrote, “Jackson serves no real purpose ... only occasionally prevents federal prosecutors from obtaining appropriate convictions [and] even that cost outweighs the decision’s meager benefits.”

Police interrogations can be intimidating. In the words of the late Supreme Court Justice George Sutherland, “Even the intelligent and educated layman has small and sometimes no skill in the science of law. He requires the guiding hand of counsel at every step in the proceedings

against him. Without it, though he be not guilty, he faces the danger of conviction because he does not know how to establish his innocence.”

The most dangerous time for defendants is immediately after the initial arrest, so they need to be afforded a lawyer before being questioned. Larry Thompson, deputy attorney general under George W. Bush, and many other prosecutors, filed an amicus brief on behalf of the petitioner, stating the Jackson ruling “provides bright-line guidance ... for interrogations,” and “promotes fair, effective law enforcement.”

An amicus brief by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, American Civil Liberties Union, among others, calls the Jackson case “essential to protect the Sixth Amendment right of defendants, especially the most vulnerable” to counsel.

Overturning the Jackson decision would erode our protections from government prosecution. Not to sound alarmist, but if the Supreme Court begins removing constitutional rights from the citizenry, what is next? States’ rights have been

beaten back by the determined efforts of the three branches of the federal government during the last half-century.

Will weakening criminal rights precede a general attack on civil liberties? I really don’t know. The concept is frightening. Unlike some of the abstract rights the government has promised us – I’m thinking the rights to privacy and “affordable” health care – the right to a counsel is spelled right out in the Constitution.

Our Bill of Rights provides for a lawyer to be available to the accused – fair and simple. If during police questioning the accused is not allowed a lawyer, then that sounds like an unconstitutional practice. I don’t see any gray area there.

We must remain vigilant against any efforts to remove our constitutional rights. Don’t let the government catch you sleeping.

Frank Male is a senior in physics and political science. Please send comments to [opinion@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@pub.ksu.edu).

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**Why** is there no “r” in Colonel?

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SEBELIUS | Senate confirms nomination for HHS secretary

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on Obama's nominees for deputy HHS secretary or commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and Obama has not even nominated people for other key jobs, including surgeon general and assistant secretary for preparedness and response. There has also not been an ap-

pointment for head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, another component of the sprawling HHS, which has 65,000 employees and a \$750 billion budget. The whole process suffered a setback when Obama's first pick for HHS secretary, former Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, withdrew in February over unpaid

taxes. Though the swine flu will be an immediate focus, Sebelius will also be charged with shepherding Obama's overhaul of the nation's \$2.5 trillion health care system to reduce costs and cover some 50 million uninsured Americans. Sebelius was the last of Obama's Cabinet nominees awaiting confirmation.

BIG | Winners bake their way to top

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the experience partly because it allowed her to work in a more hands-on environment than she is able to in standard classes. "It made me a better public speaker as well," Pfrang said. Her project "Flower Indulgence" was a bakery bouquet, Pfrang said. Instead of flowers,

the project would allow people to send a bouquet of bakery items such as muffins and bread to others. Pfrang said she thought the event went well and hopes other students will continue to participate in the competition in the future. "I really enjoyed it, and it's something I hope continues."

Winding up



Mitch Hoffman, sophomore in mechanical and nuclear engineering, prepares to unleash a dodgeball during the weekly meeting of the KSU Dodgeball Club.

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# Future bright for K-State athletics



JUSTIN NUTTER

For the better part of the last two decades, three programs have led the way for K-State athletics, as the Wildcat football, volleyball and women's basketball teams solidified themselves as mainstays in the national rankings and competed in the postseason year after year.

However, as the 2008-09 academic year comes to a close, it appears there could be a changing of the guard in store for Wildcat sports.

## A SHORT TIME AGO

One needs to look back no farther than the 2006 season to see when the current athletic picture began to unfold in Manhattan. Suzie Fritz and Deb Patterson were still leading the volleyball and women's basketball teams to postseason competition annually, but every other top-tier sport had been hit by the winds of change.

For the first time since 1989, the football program was under the direction of someone other than Bill Snyder. K-State's storied basketball program, which had struggled in recent years, took a huge but risky step in hiring Bob Huggins in an attempt to return to national prominence. And improvements were becoming evident with the Wildcat baseball program under third-year coach Brad Hill.

## THESE DAYS

Fast forward to today and observe the results. Snyder is back at the helm of K-State's football program, which is again in shambles. The Huggins experiment had mixed results as the coach bolted for his alma mater after one season but left the Wildcats with their best recruiting class in school history. Hill has had arguably the biggest impact, leading K-State to its first-ever national ranking and transforming the squad into a conference contender.

As the 2009-10 school year approaches, there are plenty of reasons to believe that each of these programs will continue to improve from its current state.

## BOWL FULL OF HOPE

Snyder begins his second tenure with several bright spots scattered throughout the team roster. Led by a strong, veteran coaching staff, the team should be on the track back to respectability. Don't expect to see the Wildcats playing for a conference title, but with K-State's schedule, which includes six teams that won less than seven games a year ago, a bowl game certainly isn't out of the question.

## RECRUITS SHINE FOR MARTIN

Many counted the men's basketball team out before the 2009 season even began. Picked to finish eighth in the Big 12, Frank Martin's squad turned heads by winning nine conference games and earning its third-straight postseason appearance. With another stellar recruiting class on the way, things should only get better for the Wildcats down the road.

## WORLD SERIES BOUND

Steady improvement has been the theme of the K-State baseball program since Hill arrived in 2004, and it seems like all the hard work is starting to pay off. Thanks in large part to junior ace A.J. Morris, the Wildcats are near the top of the Big 12 standings and a trip to the College World Series appears to be a definite possibility. With only six seniors on the 2009 roster, expect the Cats to make another conference title run in 2010.

With plenty of improvements evident throughout the athletic department in 2009, the future looks bright for all Wildcat faithful, regardless of the team they follow. Things are looking up, and hopefully that's an indicator of good things for years to come. Stay tuned.

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# Wildcats cut it close, grab victory over North Dakota

By Blake Thorson  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though it took longer than most in attendance at Tointon Family Stadium expected, No. 16 K-State (32-11, 10-7 Big 12 conference) eventually delivered the knockout blow in the eighth inning against North Dakota on its way to a 10-2 victory.

The Fighting Sioux (10-24), who have an enrollment only a quarter the size of K-State and are playing in their inaugural season in Division I baseball, appeared to be no match for the Cats on paper. However, the boys from Grand Forks, ND hung around just long enough that you could sense an aura of anxiety from the 1,149 purple-clad fans in attendance.

K-State appeared to be cruising early as starter Kyle Hunter struck out five of the first seven hitters he faced and retired nine of his first 10. He was also staked to an early 1-0 lead after two innings and a 3-0 lead after three innings due to some clutch two-out hitting from the Cats.

In the second, senior catcher Rob Vaughn delivered a two-out RBI single scoring senior shortstop Drew Biery. Junior first baseman Justin Bloxom continued the amazing success the Cats have had this season with two outs when he belted a two-out, two-run homer to left-center scoring freshman outfielder Nick Martini. Those three 2-out RBI gave K-State a staggering 109 on the season.

However, the Fighting Sioux responded with a run in the fourth on two hits and a walk off Hunter. Then in the fifth, after Hunter had been replaced by reliever Mark Joukoff, North Dakota tallied an unearned run when the lead-off hitter reached via an error. A sacrifice and a single later the Fighting Sioux scored one more on an RBI-groundout to pull within one of the Cats at 3-2.

After a scoreless sixth and top half of the seventh, K-State tallied one run in the



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A K-State slugger watches the baseball after getting a hit against the Missouri Tigers earlier in the season. The Wildcats continues their winning ways with a 10-2 victory against North Dakota.

home half of the inning rather unconventionally as junior designated hitter Adam Muenster reached on error, advanced to second on a passed ball and then stole third base. One batter later, Martini hit an RBI-sacrifice fly to push the lead to 4-2.

Sophomore reliever Thomas Rooke, who has struggled somewhat of late, came on in the eighth and retired all three hitters he faced including one strikeout. Rooke also received some help from his defense as Martini gunned down a Sioux runner trying for second base with a laser from left field to record the second out of the inning.

The Wildcats put the Green and Black away for good in the eighth with a six-run explosion that had seem-

ingly been brewing all night as the Cats had nearly a half dozen balls hit to the warning track in right field.

The six-run frame came on two walks, five hits and one North Dakota error and included three extra-base hits. The first three hitters of the inning reached for the Cats and senior outfielder Jordan Cruz scored on senior outfielder Dane Yelovich's RBI-single. Muenster then proceeded to break the game open for good as he laced a 2-RBI triple down the right-field line scoring Vaughn and Yelovich to put K-State up 7-2.

Martini and Bloxom would later hit RBI-doubles in the inning and when all was said and done it was 10-2 in favor of the purple and white.

The Cats had 15 hits on

the evening including three a piece from Muenster and Bloxom.

Bloxom also had three RBI on a double and his eighth homerun of the season. Biery had two doubles for the Cats, giving him 11 on the year. Martini had two hits, including a double (12), two RBI, two runs and also stole his 14th base of the season.

Sophomore second baseman Carter Jurica, who led the Big 12 in average (.389) heading into the night, did not tally a hit in four appearances at the plate but did walk, score a run and had his 17th and 18th stolen bases of the year.

Game two of the series is scheduled for tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Tointon Family Stadium. Quarter Dog Night is scheduled at the stadium and students get in free with a student ID. The game can be heard on 1350 KMAN-AM and live stats are available at [www.kstatesports.com](http://www.kstatesports.com).

**WHAT:**  
K-State vs. North Dakota  
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# Football team, Snyder prepare for Spring Game

By Cole Manbeck  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

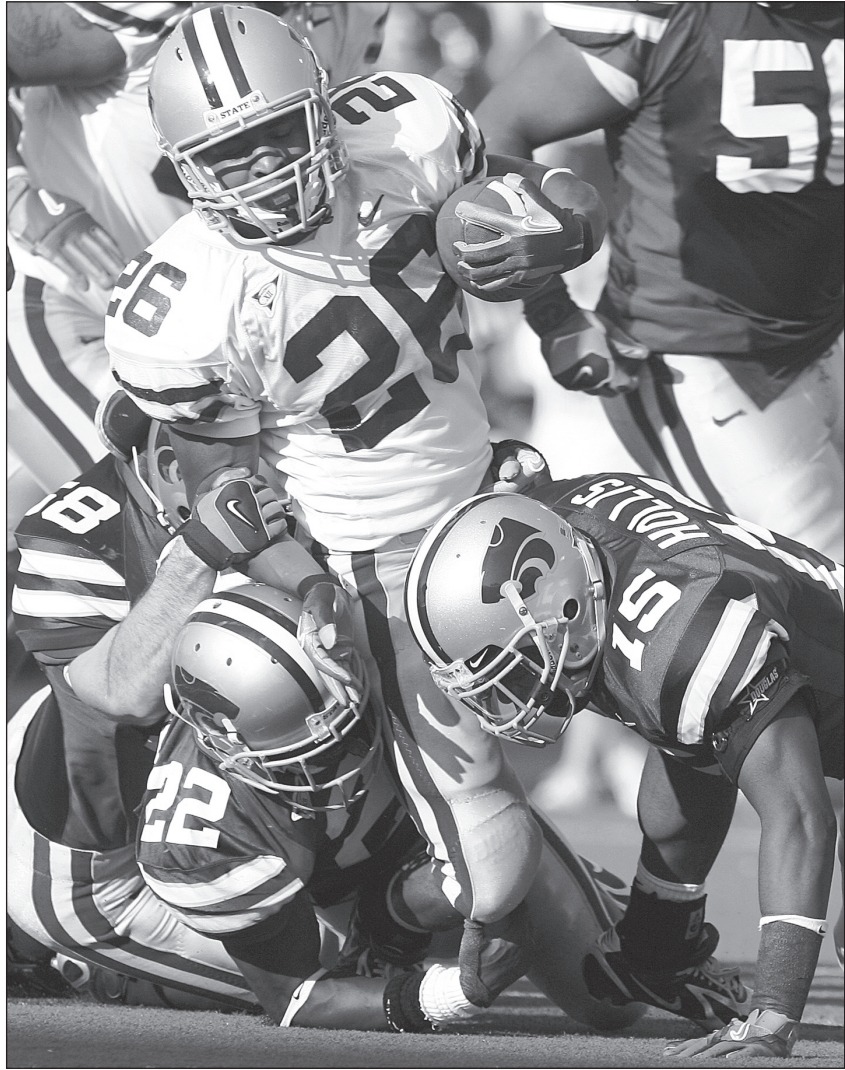
Bill Snyder is, by his own admission, not the biggest fan of spring games. So it should come as no surprise that he is approaching this Saturday's annual Purple-White game, which kicks off at 3 p.m., as an ordinary practice.

"It is something that you need to have," Snyder said of the game. "You can gain a number of things that are important. First of all, there is a transition taking place, such as what happens on GameDay is probably going to be a little different with this staff than with the previous staff. So you get an opportunity to do that. You still approach it as one of those routine practices that you want to get the most out of."

Snyder cautioned reporters to not expect anything out of the ordinary, saying the Wildcats would implement their basic packages on both the offensive and defensive side of the football. There will be no drafting of players for the rosters, which former coach Ron Prince implemented when he came to K-State. Instead, the first-team offense and the second-team defense will be paired on the same team, while the first-string defense and second-team offense will make up the other team.

And unlike Alabama coach Nick Saban, Snyder will not be standing out on the field during play behind his quarterback.

"Every single day there's somebody in somebody's ear and we're in not just the quarterback's - we're in everybody's ear all the time," Snyder said. "There comes a time when you have to find out whether a guy can stand on his own feet or not. So at some point in time you have to back away and see it happen and let them make the mistakes and do the positive things and let them come off the field and then make the corrections or applaud them, whatever the case may be.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

On the K-State white team, **Terry Petrie** gets brought down by purple defenders during the 2007 Spring Game.

That's the way Saturday afternoons are and that's what we're trying to get to."

While Snyder might not enjoy spring games, the Wildcat players are certainly anxious.

"We want to show the fans that

we are ready," said junior quarterback Carson Coffman. "We want to give them something to be excited about, so I think it is pretty important that we go out and perform well. I am excited for Saturday and I want to show the fans that I can do it."

## EXTRA POINTS

**-Snyder** indicated as many as 10 players on the current roster could miss the spring game due to injury or other unspecified reasons.

**-Logan Dold's** position remains to be seen. Snyder said the sophomore experimented with playing safety at one practice but is unsure if he will stick there. Dold rushed for an average of 4.1 yards on 82 carries last year at running back.

**-Keithen Valentine** remains the No. 1 running back on the depth chart with red-shirt freshman Jarell Childs taking snaps at the No. 2 position.

**-Kadero Terrell** has moved from linebacker to defensive end. The 6-foot-2, 235-pound junior was part of this year's recruiting class and has been on campus this spring after graduating from Garden City Community College in December 2008.

"[Terrell] has made some headway," Snyder said. "I like the way he's practicing and improving."



# RecycleMania contest comes to an end

By Elise Podhajsky  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State has finished 214th out of 293 universities in the 2009 RecycleMania competition. Though the standing is on the lower end of the scale, John Woods, director of facility services, said K-State fared well overall in final rankings.

“We started into this not knowing for sure what we had to do, so for the first year, I think we did quite well,” Woods said.

RecycleMania is a national competition in which participating universities from across the country tally and total their recycling efforts based on pounds per student. The competition is split into two categories: the Competition Division and the Benchmark Division. According to a recent Collegian article, Joe Myers, K-State recycling facilities technician, said that in the Competition Division, K-State participated in the “Per Capita Classic,” which is the basic

competition of reporting total weights for paper, cardboard and beverage containers. From Jan. 1 to March 27, K-State collected a grand total of 193,936.4 collective pounds of cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, phonebooks, plastic and aluminum. This total equaled 6.1 pounds per person on campus, which includes students, faculty and staff, Woods said.

“We had [recycling] barrels out in various places on campus, and we were putting out more containers in buildings,” Woods said of increased efforts for the competition. “We increased the amount of recycling that we picked up ... so I think it was well worth it.”

Woods said the recycling committee on campus had significant help from several campus groups, like Students for Environmental Action, to aid in the more zealous recycling efforts.

“SEA had so many things going on that they couldn’t help out every-

where, but they did a great job of helping out,” he said. “We just need to get more students involved and different groups participating and competing. Sometimes we don’t have the manpower to pick up everything that could be collected.”

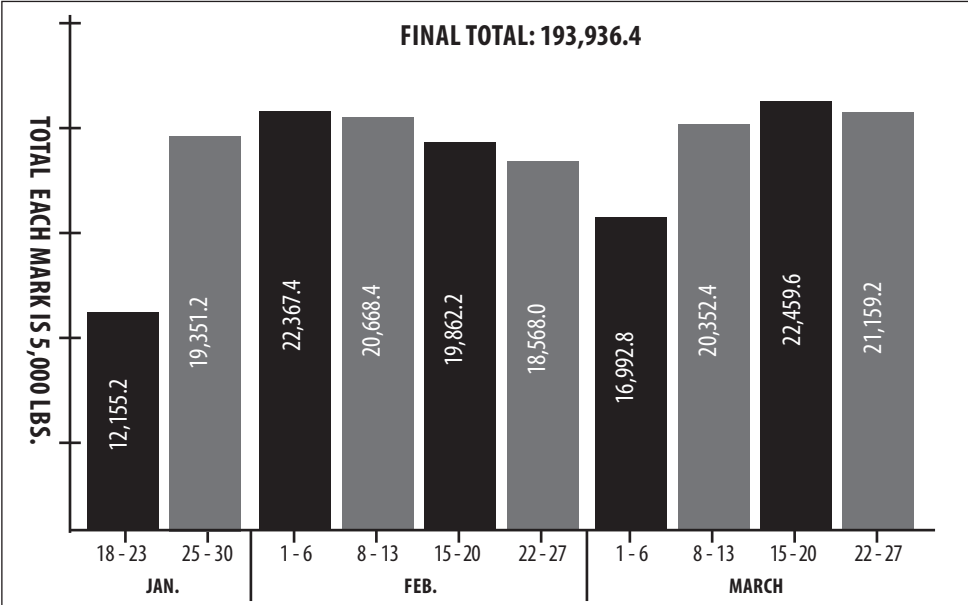
For next year’s RecycleMania, Woods said he hopes to better advertise the competition and have more student involvement in the efforts.

“The main thing is to encourage people to recycle and to continue recycling after the event,” he said. “Hopefully we will get more containers [on campus] by then, inside the buildings so people have more places to deposit more material.”

Sabine Martin, a member of the K-State recycling committee, said the university soon will have a recycling/sorting facility on campus to be located in the former wind erosion lab, which is north of Weber Hall. Martin also said the Special City-University Projects Fund Committee

## RECYCLEMANIA TOTALS

Weekly recycling totals in pounds collected from cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, phonebooks, plastic and aluminum.



recently made a \$150,000 commitment to the new facility, a project that will soon go to the City Commission for final approval and inclusion in the 2010 City Budget beginning Jan. 1.

“We just want to thank all the students who helped and contributed to recycling throughout the year,” Woods said. “It wouldn’t have succeeded unless we had the students’ backing and doing as much as they could.”

# Formula SAE team places top 10 in nation

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Each semester, K-State supporters look to their athletic teams to positively represent them on a national stage. Another Wildcat team similarly had a chance to represent the university last week and capitalized on the opportunity.

Formula SAE, an automotive engineering group on campus, competed in an international car race April 21-25 at the Virginia International Speedway in Alton, Va. The team enjoyed a solid performance, placing near the top of the 43-team competition in several categories.

Trevor Fousek, Formula SAE team leader and third-year member, said he was pleased with the results, which he said were the school’s best in the history of the organization.

“This is the highest finish that Formula SAE has ever had through Kansas

State,” Fousek said. “I’d like to thank all of our sponsors and all of the team members who helped out.”

Each year, competition entrants must construct a drivable race car in its entirety from the ground up, Fousek said. Once completed, the team has a chance to race its car in four different categories. Those races included a 150-foot straight drag race, which tests a car’s speed and acceleration; a race known as “skidpad,” which tests the car’s turning ability; a one-lap race called “autocross”; and a 13-mile loop, which tests a car’s endurance and efficiency of fuel usage.

The K-State team, which used four drivers during the competition, fared especially well in the final race, finishing first overall in fuel economy.

“In the endurance race, you fill your car before the race and then you’re not allowed to touch it,”

said Fousek. “You go until you finish or until your car breaks down. After the race, they fill your car back up and see how much fuel it used.”

Fousek said K-State’s car was one of just seven to successfully complete the endurance test. In addition to besting the field in fuel economy, K-State placed in the top 10 in several other categories, including a third place finish in endurance and a fifth place finish overall.

“The car ran really well,” he said. “There were a couple scares with some engine trouble, but we got it figured out. We beat a lot of good teams, which was really cool to see.”

There are national races at three different locations each year including Virginia, California and Michigan. K-State’s chapter of Formula SAE has competed at all three locations at least once during its existence.

“We’re hoping to expand the number of competitions that we go to each year,” Fousek said. “They really help to expand team bonding as well as knowledge gained that we can use in future races.”

## K-STATE FORMULA SAE RACE RANKINGS:

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**100**

**Housing/Real Estate**

**105**

**Rent-Apt. Furnished**

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**110**  
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**117**  
Rent-Duplexes

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**117**  
Rent-Duplexes

**TWO-BEDROOM SECOND** floor located at 1030 Thurston. Available **June 1. 785-539-3672.**

**120**  
Rent-Houses

1417 NICHOLS- 1733 Kenmar. Four-bedroom, living room plus game room, washer/ dryer, nice appliances please call evenings 7-00- 10:00p.m.. **785-539-1177.**

**724 FREMONT** three-bedroom, two bath. Pets ok, \$900/ month call **785-313-1867.**

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**AUGUST 1** lease, \$1175 per month, nice three-bedroom, one and one-half bath, large living room and dining room, fenced in back yard, nice kitchen, washer and dryer on site. Close to campus and City Park. Available **August 1.** No pets/ smoking please. Call **785-313-2976** or email [hayeskd@flintheills.com](mailto:hayeskd@flintheills.com)

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**FOUR-BEDROOM**, two and one-half bath home with garage. All appliances including microwave, washer/ dryer. Available for **August** lease. \$1200/ month. Emerald Property Management. **785-587-9000.**

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**110**  
Rent-Apt. Unfurnished

**ONE, TWO, three, four-bedroom** apartments; **June/ August.** Some close to campus. Several with laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. **785-341-1950; 785-580-7444.**

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**TWO, THREE and four-bedroom.** Close to campus, central-air, dishwasher, laundry facilities. No pets. **785-539-0866.**

**TWO-BEDROOMS, GREAT** locations, many options. Call Tony **785-341-0686.**

**TWO-BEDROOM apartment** to rent for **Summer.** Available May 16 through July 29. \$620/ month plus utilities. Contact Lane **785-543-4225.**

**TWO-BEDROOM 1832 CLAFLIN**, across street from Marlatt Hall, dishwasher, central air, private parking, security lighting. No pets. \$580. **June or August. 785-539-0491.**

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Rent-Houses

**FOUR-BEDROOM**, TWO bath. Washer/ dryer. New kitchen. Trash and lawn care provided. Campus area. \$1200. August lease. **785-969-7349.**

**FOUR-BEDROOM.** TWO bathroom, close to campus, 831 Ratone, \$1200, pets considered. **785-477-3731.**

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**THREE, FOUR-BEDROOM** houses close to campus and Aggieville. Washer/ dryer, off-street parking. **785-539-5800.**

**TWO BEDROOMS** in three-bedroom house available for rent. No smoking or pets. Call **620-222-2751** for information.

**115**  
Rooms Available

**NEED A** summer rental? Available Mid-May to August. Three roommates. Very nice, clean, three-bedroom, two baths, furnished. \$300/ month each, includes trash/ water. Good location, no pets. **620-694-7605.**

**117**  
Rent-Duplexes

**FOUR-BEDROOM DUPLEX** half mile from campus and by City Park. Washer/ dryer included. Single property owner. No pets, no smoking. 1410 Hous- ton, back and front units. **\$1150/ month.** Call for rate for 3 renters. **785-776-9260.**

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**THREE-BEDROOM**, two-story duplex with two-car garage. Very well maintained. Single property owner. Washer/ dryer. No pets, no smoking. \$930/ month. **785-776-9260.**

**TWO-BEDROOM SECOND** floor located at 1030 Thurston. Available **June 1. 785-539-3672.**

**120**  
Rent-Houses

**1022 NORTH 11th-Four-bedroom duplex** available **June 1. New construction. No pets 785-313-4812.**

**1130 VATTIER:** Three-bedroom, August lease, \$1050. Two-bedroom, June and/ or August, \$650. Water, trash and gas paid. **785-313-8292** or **785-313-8296.**

**120**  
Rent-Houses

**TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEX**, 426 S. 6th. Stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, central-air, gas heat, washer/ dryer. No smoking/ pets. 12 month lease, \$625 plus deposit, available now. **785-539-0480.**

**VERY NICE** three-bedroom. Close to campus. Available **June 1. \$1050/ month. 785-712-7257.**

**WALKING DISTANCE** to campus. Newer four-bedroom, two bathroom. No pets, washer/ dryer. \$1100/ month. **785-539-9800, 785-556-0662,** [irvinefamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irvinefamily@sbcglobal.net)

**145**  
Roommate Wanted

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** needed for five-bedroom house close to campus. One-bedroom available. \$350/ month plus utilities. Available **August. 913-244-9360.**

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** two-bedroom, one-half baths. Washer/ dryer. All appliances. Low utilities. Pets allowed. August 1 lease. \$380/ month. 1420 Beachwood Terrace. Call Nicole **316-305-1737.**

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** wanted. June 1 lease, \$350/ month, west side location. New townhome close drive to campus. **785-313-6217.**

**MAY GRADUATES**, moving to Overland Park. I need roommate to share my two-bedroom/ two bath apartment. Rent is \$400/ month and utilities are \$100/ month. For more information please contact me at [amspiker@gmail.com](mailto:amspiker@gmail.com).

**ONE FEMALE** roommate wanted. Apt 1, 1221 Ratone St. in the city of Manhattan. \$280/ month. From **August's** [yajing12@ksu.edu](mailto:yajing12@ksu.edu)

**ROOMMATE, FOUR-BEDROOM**, two bath, garage, fenced yard, pets ok. \$302.50 plus one-fourth utilities. **June 1. 1525 Humboldt. 620-408-8083, 620-515-6288**

**ROOMMATES NEEDED.** Nice four-bedroom, two bath. Washer/ dryer included, near KSU/ Aggieville, \$300 month. **785-776-2102. www.wilksapts.com.**

**120**  
Rent-Houses

**1425 VISTA Lane: Four-bedroom** brick home with two fireplaces, two living areas, garage, and washer/ dryer. No pets. **June Lease. 785-313-4812.**

1614 PIERRE. Four-bedroom, two bath. **New inside and out. 785-304-0387.**

**1835 ELAINE- August Lease-** Four-bedroom lower level duplex with central-air and washer/ dryer. \$1100. No pets **785-313-4812.**

**2025 TECUMSEH, four/ five-bedroom.** Very nice, clean house. Washer/ dryer, dishwasher. No pets. **June lease. Two blocks to campus. See pictures at www.itsstime2rent.com.** Call Susan at **785-336-1124.**

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**785-539-2300. FIVE-BEDROOM** houses. Great locations. Pet friendly. Call Alliance Property Management today. [www.rentfromapm.com](http://www.rentfromapm.com)

**BEST DEAL! Four/ five-bedrooms,** two bathroom house. One block to campus. **\$275/ bedroom.** Call Tony **785-341-0686.**

**FIVE- SIX-BEDROOM**, August lease. \$300/ bedroom, water and trash paid. **785-313-8292** or **785-313-8296.**

**FIVE-BEDROOM, TWO** bath, two blocks to campus, dishwasher, washer/ dryer. **June 1. Pets ok. 785-317-7713**

**FOUR-BEDROOMS,** two bath, all bills paid. Washer/ Dryer. Off street parking, close to campus. **785-341-4496.**

**150**  
Sublease

**LOOKING FOR** sub-leasees for June and July. Very close to campus. two-bedroom, \$880/ month plus utilities. Washer/ dryer hookup, off-street parking. Rachel 316-253-6120 or Ashley 316-209-5494

**SUMMER RENTAL.** One-bedroom studio. Rents either May 1, May 15, or June 1 through August 1 \$550/ month for everything. One block from campus, close to aggieville, no pets. **785-341-2164.**

**THREE-BEDROOM APARTMENT,** two bath, newly renovated, one block from KSU and Aggieville, washer/ dryer, dishwasher, off-street parking. **June 1-mid August, \$900/ month plus utilities. 913-221-3447**

**TWO-BEDROOM** June and July sublease. Woodway Apartments. **785-537-7007.** Ask about 2421 F.

**200**  
Service Directory

**235**  
Child Care

**NEED SUMMER** child care? Experienced child care worker needs summer job. Willing to transport. Call Brett at **785-313-2653** or [brett.blaske@yahoo.com](mailto:brett.blaske@yahoo.com)

**300**  
Employment/Careers

**310**  
Help Wanted

**THE COLLEGIAN** cannot verify the financial potential of advertisements in the Employment/ Career classification. Readers are advised to approach any such business opportunity with reasonable caution. The Collegian urges our readers to contact the Better Business Bureau, 501 SE Jefferson, Topeka, KS 66607-1190. **785-232-0454.**

**120**  
Rent-Houses

**FOUR-BEDROOM** HOUSE two bath, June 1, washer/ dryer, dishwasher, pets ok. **Just \$250/ person. 785-317-7713**

**FOUR-BEDROOM HOUSES.** Great locations. Pet friendly. Call Alliance Property Management today. **785-539-2300 www.rentfromapm.com**

**FOUR-BEDROOM** houses. June and August. Close to campus. Washer/ Dryer. Central air. **Pets negotiable. 785-712-7254.**

**NEWLY AVAILABLE!** Three and four-bedroom houses. One block from campus and Aggieville. **\$825-\$1100.** Call Tony **785-341-0686.**

**SEVEN-BEDROOM, THREE BATHROOM,** next to campus and Aggieville. Large porch, washer/ dryer, two kitchens, great value! **785-341-0686.**

**SIX, SEVEN, and eight-bedroom houses.** Two blocks to campus, three baths, June 1, two kitchens, garage, washer/ dryer, dishwasher, pets ok. **785-317-7713.**

**THREE, FOUR, five-bedrooms.** August. No pets. Washer/ dryer. **785-587-9460.**

**THREE-BEDROOM TOWN homes and duplexes** on West side of town. Available June and August. Pet friendly with no pet deposit. \$775 to \$975 call **785-313-4812.**

**WWW. RENTFROMAPM.COM. SIX-BEDROOM** houses. Great locations. Pet friendly. Call Alliance Property Management today. **785-539-2300.**

**STUDENT CLERICAL** help wanted for summer semester and possibly fall semester. Must have office experience and be dependable. Apply at Media Relations, 9 Anderson Hall by May 5, 2009.

**310**  
Help Wanted

**ADVERTISING DESIGN/** production positions available at Student Publications Inc. for the Kansas State Collegian for fall 2009. If you are creative, are a team player but work well on your own, too, we want you. Prefer at least a semester commitment. Minimum wage to start. Position begins approximately August 10 with training day and some work hours prior to start classes. There is opportunity for advancement. Opportunity to earn class credit is also possible. Scheduled work hours will be planned around your class schedule Monday- Friday 8- 5 and you will have the convenience of an on-campus job. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Fall 2009 class schedule must be submitted with application. Applications can be picked up in 113 Kedzie or email [wallen@ksu.edu](mailto:wallen@ksu.edu) for a PDF file or for any other questions.

**ARE YOU** tired of your summer job? Come work with me. I need four more students to help me run my business this summer. Average student makes \$800/ week. Call 620-222-2267 for details.

**BARTENDING!** \$300 a day potential. No experience necessary. Training provided. Call **800-965-6520** extension 144.

**CHIPOTLE.** WORK at a place where you ACTUALLY like to eat the food. Now hiring for all shifts. Apply in person at 606 N. Manhattan Ave., Manhattan, KS.

**COACH:** ASSISTANT Football coach for Riley County Middle School, Riley, KS. Please contact Becky Pultz at [bpultz@usd378.org](mailto:bpultz@usd378.org) or **785-485-4000** as soon as possible.

**CUSTOM HARVESTERS** needs truck driver and combine operator for summer and fall season. Salary based on qualification, plus room and board. Excellent opportunity to save money. Farm experience required. Heil Harvesting. **620-353-4236** or **620-353-8790.**

**EARN EXTRA** money. Students needed as soon as possible. Up to \$150 per day being a mystery shopper. No experience required. Call **1-800-722-4791.**

**310**  
Help Wanted

**GAIA SALON** seeking an enthusiastic, well-mannered manager of guest services. Resumes accepted at 421 Poyntz, Manhattan.

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**MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN** needed for a student housing community in Manhattan, KS. Assists the Maintenance Supervisor with general maintenance responsibilities of the community. Apply online at [www.campusadv.com](http://www.campusadv.com) or fax resume to **785-539-0523** Equal Opportunity Employer Male/ Female/ Disabled/ Veteran.

**NOW HIRING** reliable part and full-time clerks, laborers, and mechanics. Competitive wages, friendly environment. Apply at Waters Rental, 338 Seth Child. **785-537-1340.**

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:** Typing and computer skills needed. Call **1-800-467-1441.** Job in Junction City.

**PART-TIME JANITOR:** Seeking a dependable individual for commercial building cleaning. Flexible scheduling for students with competitive rates. Looking to fill evening and weekend positions for the summer. For more information, contact Jeff at **785-341-0462.**

**STUDENT CLERICAL** help wanted for summer semester and possibly fall semester. Must have office experience and be dependable. Apply at Media Relations, 9 Anderson Hall by May 5, 2009.

**STUDENTPAYOUTS.COM.** PAID survey takers needed in Manhattan. 100% free to join. Click on surveys.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:** Student with construction/ maintenance experience to work on apartments and houses. Variable hours. Jobs include painting, carpentry, lawn work, and cleaning. Reply to 103 Kedzie Hall, Box 500, Manhattan, KS 66506. Listing work experience.

**SUMMER HELP:** Packers and loaders. L&L Van Lines, Inc. Junction City or Wichita. 1-800-467-1441. Must be 18 years or older.

**SUMMER JOB?** AgriPro Wheat. Wheat breeding/ research company. Help in the selection of new varieties of wheat. Located between Manhattan and Junction City. \$9-10/ hour. Call Michael **785-210-0218</**



## LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD

Reunion  
leads to  
friendly  
prank

A week or two ago, half the Buttermilk Hill Gang regrouped in Manhattan.

On a Friday, Downtime came in from Los Angeles on his way to St. Louis by train, while Nick drove in from Aspen, Colo., hours earlier. They would stay for a few days and while a number of unmentionables will stay unmentioned, here is one tale I have no shame in sharing ...



ADAM  
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## TUESDAY, 1 A.M.

"You know you won't get anything good out of me," I said with a smile, holding back laughter. I turned to Scott, sitting atop our clean countertops, giggling, crossing his feet like a little girl, as he immediately responded, "Man, I haven't been solid for weeks."

He continued giggling. "I think it's gotta happen," I said.

"Well, what do we do?"

Jake was there, too, standing quietly. Neither Scott nor I wanted to ask him, but we both knew his participation was entirely necessary. We both looked at Jake who took a quick scan of each of our faces.

"Fine," he said flatly, forwardly, and moments later, we heard laughter from another room.

## TUESDAY, 2 P.M.

I returned from class to find a note from Scott and an empty apartment.

"Child," the note read. "I have taken [Downtime] home on 'His' journey. Now you should have 'YOURS'. I will not be back until tomorrow ..." It ended with a quotation from Randall Cunningham.

Downtime was now on his way to the train depot in Kansas City, Mo. The apartment looked fine; nothing suspicious.

## WEDNESDAY, 6:45 P.M.

Preparing to go for a run on the Konza, Scott asked "Have you heard anything from [Downtime]?"

"No man," I answered.

"I was wondering the same thing of you. I wanted to ask you last night, but didn't want to call in case you were still with him. He's gotta know by now."

Her lovely, people-watching eyes looked around inquisitively.

"What did you guys do?" she asked.

"Uhhh ..." Scott uttered before laughing aloud and turning away.

"We? We didn't do anything, babe," I couldn't help but smile. "Jake might have."

"Well," Scott went on, "I guess I wouldn't have given us the satisfaction either ..."

WEDNESDAY, 11:47 P.M.,  
47 HOURS LATER

My phone called out. It was a text message from Downtime.

Smiling, I read it aloud to Scott.

"Did one of u fools put a bag of [poop] in my backpack?"

Yes. Yes, we did.

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## New Web site spills out movie reviews from users

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These days, popular social networking Web sites seem to cater to almost every type of interest or hobby.

One such site, *Popcornconfessions.com*, is devoted to providing its users with a plethora of movie ratings and reviews from every genre that are submitted by its users rather than the usual movie expert or critic.

"It is very easy to navigate," said Brittany Obermeyer, freshman in elementary education. "You can either click on a type of movie or you can just type in the exact movie you are looking for. It's easy for most ages and has movies from 1920 until movies nowadays."

Anyone can read the reviews from the site but only members can rate and write reviews. Membership to *Popcornconfessions.com* is free, and members can also share their opinions about movies they've seen with their friends and vote on other members' movie reviews.

"I like that the movie reviews are done by people like me instead of the professional movie reviewers, but I don't think it is a very popular or well-known site because most of the movies aren't rated," Obermeyer said.

The reviews are organized into 11 genres ranging from action-adventure to drama to westerns. The number of movies listed on *Popcornconfessions.com* is in the tens of thousands, though not every movie has been rated. Ratings and reviews will only appear after a member has actually posted one for a particular movie.

"I don't like that not every movie that is listed on the Web site does not have a review," said Danielle Spellmeier, sophomore in elementary education. "However, that does allow another person to write a review for that movie. It is free to get an account, which then would allow you to write reviews of movies that don't already have reviews. I also like that the Web site is broken down into genres. The background and layout are simple and pleasing to the eye."

Ratings and reviews can also be found by using the search engine on the main page of the Web site. There is also a place to offer suggestions for movies that have yet to appear on the site to be made available for rating and reviewing.

*Popcornconfessions.com* has a blog which offers movie advice based on genres and promotions for the Web site.

"It looks pretty cool," said Jaylynn Bachman, sophomore in pre-nursing. "It would be helpful if I was looking for a good movie."

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## TV show 'Gossip Girl' somewhat accurate, but one-sided

"You're nobody unless you're talked about" is the tag of this week's reality TV analysis. Though "House" manages to attain a certain degree of accuracy while "CSI" contains virtually none, "Gossip Girl" is in a league all of its own.

The show follows the lives of several Upper East Side Manhattan socialite teens, all of whom attend outrageously expensive and exclusive boarding schools and have probably never entered a "low-class" store like Target. It is narrated by the anonymous "Gossip Girl," and we watch the never-ending drama created by backstabbing, sex, underage drinking, jealousy and a healthy dose of dysfunction.

As much as I would love to fill the rest of this article with reasons why "Gossip Girl" is completely untrue, I'm afraid that I can't. In real life, some people truly are ridiculously wealthy. And anyone who's made it through high school knows that as much as every teen tries to deny it, there is definitely a strict social hierarchy deeply embedded in every academic institution.

"Gossip Girl" portrays the more distasteful side of teen reality, showing the competition be-

tween "friends" (or "frenemies," as main characters Blair and Serena are called) and a sometimes saddening lack of a moral compass in many young people today.

Not everything in the teen soap opera, however, is completely accurate. Like most TV dramas, the show takes reality to the extreme.

In this season's summary on *cwtv.com*, one of the main plot points is, "Though Serena and Nate [handsome main character who used to date Serena's ex-best friend, Blair] may have spent much of the summer together, their rekindled spark may be hiding a much more salacious relationship between Nate and an older woman." As much as they might wish it to be true, very few high school boys can actually manage to find an older woman willing to engage in a "salacious" (read: sex-filled) relationship with them.

The flaws within "Gossip Girl" come not from blatant inaccuracies in the way it portrays its main characters; after all, it's a fact of life that there are rich, powerful teens who have sex, wear beautiful clothes and cannot be trusted with each other's boyfriends.

Instead, it comes from the small group of people it accurately depicts. It completely ignores the majority of teens, the people who are generally wholesome and nice, who don't steal away someone else's significant other, who don't drink and who just hang out at a friend's house



most Friday nights.

The biggest problem with the show is it takes all the unfortunate realities of adolescence and shoves them all together in the "juiciest" way possible for one hour each week, leaving no time for the show's characters to redeem themselves or, in theory, teens as a whole.

What it does show is true; however, in real life, the good generally outweighs the bad, and that is simply not the case in the life of a "Gossip Girl."

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